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I am sure there are errors in names or addresses. In fact, we were somewhat dubious about a few. We put our best effort into getting you an accurate list of our membership as it now stands.

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Change in Program For Boston Meeting

According to our president, now on a jaunt to California, the Annual Meeting will be on Saturday night, the 26th, rather than the 27th. The All-Society Buffet Supper and Mixer will be on Sunday the 27th.

"Bering Sea Adventure."

Book Reviews

Roger will show a new color film,

Circle of the Seasons, Edwin Way Teale. Dodd, Mead and Co. 1953. \$4.00. From past experiences — field trips, movies and books - ANSS members

know the deep satisfaction which would come from day by day travels, observations and philosophizing with Edwin Way Teale. Circle of the Seasons gives us this opportunity.

The remarkable photographs and wellwritten text measure up to Teale standards. Circle of the Seasons offers many delightful hours of reading and remi-

Science for Today's Children. 32nd Yearbook of the National Elementary Principal. 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. \$3.00.

American Nature Study Society members should not miss this excellent source for materials, techniques, and methods in science teaching.

Among the many excellent topics are: classroom experiences; role of the principal; mentally retarded; science content; community resources; radio and television; improving science teaching: equipment and material.

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Amendment to By-laws

At the 1952 St. Louis meeting of ANSS, a motion was put before the group to amend the Constitution to state that members of the Board of Directors may not succeed themselves in that office. This motion will be acted on at the 1953 meeting in Boston.

Activities of Our Members

Janet Nickelsburg (Mrs. M. S.) operates a nature guidance service in San Francisco, Calif. This service, known as Earth, Sea and Sky, is available to camp counselors and leaders of other youth organizations. The service is offered during a pre-camp training period as well as "on the spot" aid while camp is in session.

If you are interested in setting up a service in other sections of the country you can get additional information from: Mrs. M. S. Nickelsburg, 2585 Union St., San Francisco, California.

Those ANSS members living in the vicinity of San Francisco have a remarkable opportunity to improve your camp program through the services of *Earth*, *Sky and Sea*.

Letters From Our Reader(s)?

My first issue of the NEWS LETTER turned up yesterday. May I say that I am much impressed with Winifred Haddock's article, but even more so by her work. What a wonderful approach she has to the whole subject! There is all too much second-hand information handed to our children and it is such a relief to find someone who feels the importance of imparting the material in such a vital manner. My congratulations to her! I am sorry I missed the project when I visited the Children's Museum in Brooklyn last fall and should I ever get back in the neighborhood will be sure to drop in on Miss Haddock's project.

Sincerely, Janet Nickelsburg, San Francisco, California

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and Nina Schneider, Hanor A. Webb, Richard L. Weaver and E. Laurence Palmer—among the contributors, it could not be other than a fine publication.

Conservation of South Dakota's Natural Resources. State Publishing Co., Pierre, South Dakota.

Too little of our written materials concerned with conservation have been beamed toward the elementary or high school child; the tendency, in this area, has been to write for adult readers. Conservation of South Dakota's Natural Resources is written by teachers for children—specifically for those of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The material is divided into five units: soil, plants, water, minerals, and wildlife. The illustrations, concerned specifically with dem-

A. N. S. S. MEMBERSHIP

With the government year beginning in July, the school year in September and the calendar year in January, there is plenty of room for confusion in terms of when dues are due to a multiplicity of professional organizations. Your editor is in a state of frustration in her attempt to synchronize the date ANSS membership expires with the expiration dates of present magazine subscriptions (without causing an additional headache to our treasurer).

Present members of ANSS have received a *concise* statement of dues from our treasurer. In addition, Ruth Hopson, chairman of our membership committee, has mailed membership folders for the purpose of adding new members. If you desire additional folders, she will be happy to mail them to you. Send your name and address to Ruth E. Hopson, 4709 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland 3, Oregon.

For the benefit of ANSS members who have misp'aced their membership blanks, we are publishing the available membership groups.

Remember! ANSS dues run for the calendar year. 1954 dues are payable at this time.

- ☐ Group I \$1.50 Membership, Newsletter, Cornell Leaflet
 ☐ Group II \$2.50 Membership, Newsletter, Outdoors Illustrated
- Group III \$3.00 Membership, Newsletter, Cornell Leaflet, Outdoors Illustrated
- Group IV \$4.00 Membership, Newsletter, Nature Magazine
- Group V \$4.50 Membership, Newsletter, Nature Magazine, Cornell Leaflet
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onstrations and field experiences, reveal what can be done to give the children first-hand experiences along with their printed materials. Teaching aids — activities, printed materials, and audio-visual materials — are included in each specific unit

Although much of the factual material is concerned with the specific section — South Dakota — the overall principles and concepts can be adapted to any area of our country.

What's Inside of Plants: What's Inside of Animals; What's Inside of Me. Herbert S. Zim. Morrow Jr. Books. \$1.75.

These fine additions to the Zim series, telling of the *insides* of animate and inanimate objects, answer many of the ques-

tions put to parents and teachers. The text is written for primary as well as the upper elementary grades—for grades 2 and 3 we have large type, easy vocabulary and simple illustrations; for the upper grades we have added information and more difficult concepts.

The material used, begins with the simple and moves toward the more complex. The examples are familiar to the average child; definitions are meaningful, e.g., metamorphosis is interpreted to mean: "all the parts of the insect's body are made over." Where plants and animals are small, and not likely to be familiar to children, the sizes are indicated. Having the illustrations across from the text makes for better understanding of the text.

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